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## Comment on Passing Events.

By Frederic Heath

What does education in extreme clerical hands mean? The murder of Prof. Ferrer gives the answer.

Which is the most detestable government on earth, Russia or Spain? That is a hard question to answer.

That Taft-Diaz handshaking affair was nothing—wait till Taft gets a chance to shake the also bloody hand of Alfonso! Would he shake it? Sure he would!

This ought to be a decent time for the Spanish embassy to the United States to pack their grips and sneak back to the damnable government from which they were sent.

Workmen at Milan, Italy, according to the dispatches, are forming a rent strike, owing to the extortionate rents being charged them, and have demanded that the untenanted royal palace, the archbishop's palace and various other edifices be thrown open for the use of the people.

The Illinois to-hour law for women workers was simply a copy of the Oregon law which has stood the test of the United States Supreme Court. But in spite of that fact an Illinois judge sets the law aside, to please the Illinois slave drivers, as unconstitutional. Is it any wonder the workingman feels contempt of court?

The agitations of the archbishops for a division of the public school funds seems to have resulted in at least one thing; it has intensified the slanders against the public schools. In Brooklyn a few Sundays ago a Jesuit, one Father J. F. X. O'Connor declared that the public schools were "immoral and ungodly."

A missionary in the Congo is now on trial before King Leopold's court charged with having been guilty of "calumnious denunciation" toward the Kasai Rubber company, that has been guilty of torturing the natives. This is certainly the limit and it is to be hoped our corporation-selected judges do not take pattern after it!

Carnegie hall, in New York, was not large enough to hold the crowds that struggled to find lodgement within its historic walls at the Ferrer protest meeting, on Tuesday evening. Among the speakers was Charles Edward Russell, the well-known magazine writer. The meeting was one to make tyrants tremble, one of the most notable in the history of the city, yet how many were able to find any mention of it in the daily press of the land? Big meetings have been held in Chicago and other cities, but the Associated Press has been silent about. There's a reason.

There are 11,000 agents scattered throughout Italy whose work it is to promote emigration from that country to the United States. A protest is developing in Italy and is daily gaining strength. It is charged that the emigration of Ital-

## The Nightmare of Capitalism

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

PITTSBURG.—Mrs. William E. Corey admitted today before leaving with her husband for their shooting lodge, Le Chasse, in Wisconsin, that she aspired to revive the social glory of the French empire and become the most famous entertainer since the days of the Grand Monarch and La Pompadour.

She readily discussed her plans and said she was well pleased with her summer at the beautiful Chateau de Villegagnon, out of Paris, where she held three elaborate entertainments that surpassed anything given by a chatelet or grande dame of France for many years.

"I am ambitious," said Mrs. Corey today, "tremendously ambitious socially in the great social and artistic achievements of women—notably those of the French periods—for they stand above all other women in history."

"History does not repeat itself, and there is no reason why the beautiful social achievements, the artistic and wonderful entertainments of the great days of the empire, should not come into their own again."

A SKULKING MONARCH.

TURIN, Oct. 16.—To foil attempts to kill him on his way to Italy, the czar has chosen a roundabout route of travel several thousand miles out of his way. He will also avoid passing through Austria. The police here have perfected extraordinary methods to guard the czar.

TAFT AND DIAZ.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 16.—With boast of heraldry and pomp of power, Taft and Diaz, presidents of the great sister republics of the west, clasped hands here today in formal acknowledgement of the firm friendship existing between the governments of the two countries. Cannon bellowed the fraternal greetings across the international boundary line and back, whistles shrieked, bells rung, 100,000 voices acclaimed the mighty helmets.

per, the *Daily Consular and Trade Reports*, the United States consul at Kehl reports on the new strife among German cities to extend their trade and commerce, and says that the "keen business sense" is stirring the contending cities to unwonted activity, Strassburg, for instance, throwing millions recently into the balance to help on the move.

Capitalism is international. And conditions are bound to be alike in all lands it rules sooner or later.

John Kenneth Turner, the author of the article in the *American Magazine* on "Barbarous Mexico," which Mexico tried to get this government to exclude from the mails (wonder if Taft and Diaz talked about it on the bridge!) got his information at first hand while traveling through Mexico last year. He represented himself as an American capitalist seeking to buy a plantation, and thus got many inside secrets. The constitution of Mexico "forbids slavery," but Turner says it is so common that in the state of Yucatan, for instance, a third of the population are slaves. Whippings are common. In some cases an outward pretense is made that the slaves are free laborers working out debts. He says slaves were always figured in per head at the market rate in the plantations offered him. The slaves are worked nearly to death, are half starved and get no money.

Nero fiddled, it is said, while Rome burned. Taft and Diaz feast upon a million dollars' worth of dishes, while their subjects toil and moil and sweat and starve. Rulers are rulers the world over, in one age or in another. It is time the people stopped producing them!

The *Chicago American* rejoices at the selection of Henry E. Legler of Wisconsin, as librarian for the Chicago public library, as it will mean the establishment of sub-stations and the getting of the books into the hands of the people. From this we should judge that the Chicago library has been afflicted with dry rot, a condition that the new librarian will certainly change, if he does not belie his record.

The modern public library has become a powerful ally of the public school system in disseminating knowledge, and in Milwaukee almost every public school is a library sub-station.

More and more are all the various agencies for the spread of knowledge being correlated, and the bats of darkness crowded to the rear.

The evil of capitalism spreads round the globe like a mold.

For years European travelers in America and American travelers in Europe have remarked the difference between the two lands in the matter of business and labor activity.

In this country the daily routine is a frenzied race through the working hours whilst in Europe, in Germany, France and the other countries, there is a moderation, a sane deliberation in work that gives the working people, whether in counting room or factory, a chance to conserve their energies.

But capitalism is nothing if not a speeder-up and an exhaustor of men and it is getting after those "slothful" European conditions with a sharp stick.

In a recent issue of the United States government's daily newspa-

men of the ships of state, and all the world was there to see. Glittering pageants, sumptuous feasts at state ceremonials and the care-abandoned demonstrations of the multitudes followed in quick succession throughout the day.

There were two formal meetings between the central figures at this international drama, but springing around these were two intimate conferences, from which the world was barred and Taft and Diaz met face to face behind the drawn curtains.

MAKING A LIVING.

LAKE MILLS, Wis., Oct. 16.—Two robbers entered the office of the American Express company here at 6 o'clock tonight, attacked the agent, Harold Backenroth, formerly of Milwaukee, knocked him down and threw him into the basement, then cleaned the money drawers of the company and escaped.

Just as the men had finished cleaning out the company's till, a woman entered the office. The bandits took fright, and ran out the rear door by which they had entered, jumped into an automobile and drove off.

MAN OF TALENT FALLS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 18.—Lamar A. Harris, the young Los Angeles attorney and society man who, when pursued for robbing a bank in Highland Park, Ill., killed himself rather than submit to arrest. Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the prima donna, was told today for the first time that the brilliant young lawyer who won her heartiest admiration in Los Angeles three years ago is identical with the man who dramatically committed suicide after robbing a bank in Highland Park last week. The singer was struck dumb by the intelligence. She seemed moved beyond words as she sat with closed eyes, clasped hands, recalling the evening long ago when Lamar A. Harris made his brilliant address on "Music," which drew tears to the eyes of the assembled members of the Gamma club, herself included.

## DEMOCRACY AND THE SCHOOLS.

**I**F our democracy is to be essentially and really the pride and glory of men it must rest upon some fundamental and vital institution whose function it is to train individuals for participation in the form of government we avow. This prop beneath the republic, this universal factory whose output is to make and advance democracy, is for obvious reasons the free public school—Supt. Brumbaugh, Philadelphia Public Schools.

refinement they have had the ill-breeding to rebel at this treatment and now England is busy over the question as to whether such feeding is legal or not. As there is no supreme court for the purpose of making the laws in England, the authorities have no such refuge to hide behind.

In the preface to the novel *The Battle*, written by Cleveland Moffett occurs this tell-tale sentence in answer to the criticism which the story, first put forth as a play, evoked:

"If the creed of Socialism is not set forth in 'The Battle' as clearly or as vigorously as the creed of capital, it is because I have never been able to understand what the real creed of Socialism is (ye gods!) among the various and conflicting varieties; also because I have never had much respect for a dream of universal happiness that involves wholesale confiscation of property of others."

It is certainly a remarkable and a shifty confession. First he says he wrote in ignorance, then takes it all back and admits he wrote from malice. Here we have a literary man who confesses two very decided disqualifications for literary work, and does so with bravado. There are many Moffetts extant today doing their little best to spread miseducation and petty prejudice; but it is not often that we can get one of them out into full view where his real soul can be held up to public gaze.

The United States circuit court of appeals has decided against

## LESE MAJESTE.

MEXICO CITY.—All of the type-setters and the girl employees who were arrested in connection with the closing and consolidating by the government of the opposition newspaper, *El Anti-Reactionista*, have been released. The news editor, advertising manager and two reporters have been consigned to prison.

The article objected to was entitled "What is the mystery in the Diaz-Taf meeting?" signed by "Un Mexicano."

The police department has interpreted portions of the article as slanderous to President Diaz, a crime defined in the penal code.

If sixty thousand people were shipwrecked in your vicinity would you sit with folded hands and consider it no concern of yours? Yet that is what the most of the people of New York city do year in and year out in the presence of the six-thousand mortals who are shipwrecked each year in that city—aye, shipwrecked, for that number of people were evicted from their "homes," and eviction is no gentler than shipwreck with no offers of help in sight.

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upon the republicans with raised fists. Ushers, however, separated the combatants and the routine business of the session was carried out, although amid continual interruption. Seething crowds surrounded the parliament building during the session.

All Europe Excited

Paris, Oct. 17.—The news of the execution of the sentence of death imposed on Prof. Ferrer by the court martial, caused an outbreak of angry protest over continental Europe, serious rioting taking place

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## Prof. Ferrer and the Modern School Movement in Spain

(Translated from the French of Aristides Pratelle.)

**W**HEN eight years ago, Ferrer and his friends opened the Modern School of Barcelona, their first care was to advise the public that no religion would be taught in their school. They knew in advance that this declaration would bring on their heads the hatred of the clericals and that swords would be drawn in the army of bigots and hypocrites.

It will perhaps be of some use to remind those who may have forgotten them, of the real purpose of the rationalist instruction given at the Modern School. So long as the producers of social wealth do not rid their minds of the belief in the sanctity of private property as it now exists; so long as they will accept as an article of faith that ridiculous fable that "the poor and the rich ye shall always have with ye until the end of time"; so long as the new education is limited to the vulgarization of notions of hygiene and practical knowledge; so long as they will apply themselves only to the production of good employees—specialists in their respective lines of industry, but, who, continuously engrossed in the same work, acquire with difficulty a broad view of contemporaneous society and remain proof against all those liberal ideas which are indispensable to conscious being; so long as the new generations

which is favorable to the liberty of the individual, to the concord of the collectivity. His ideal was a reign of peace, well being and love for all men, without distinction of class or sex.

[From cartoon in *Les Hommes du Jour*, Paris.]

FRANCISCO FERRER.

Banker Walsh, and that artful and wholesale thief will have to go to prison.

How soon has come the downfall of the great newspaper owner of Chicago, who had a standing order to the editorial writers on his paper, the *Chicago Chronicle*, to make a daily editorial attack on Socialism and the labor unions. In fact, his paper tried to lead the fight on labor's two phases and he also sent out all sorts of printed matter in furtherance of that crusade.

We have before us a set of cards, with thin line red borders which Walsh sent to newspapers throughout the country as well as to leading manufacturers containing salient bits from the *Chronicle* editorials denunciatory of both the Socialists and the unionists. One card reads: "What the mobs of Chicago need is the fear of God and government." Another: "Arbitrate? There is no question for arbitration where there is organized violence and lawlessness. There can be no adequate remedy for the alarming symptoms everywhere visible in the body politic until the fact becomes generally known and appreciated that a good many of our people are endeavoring to establish and practice state Socialism in a society trained to a representative democracy."

Walsh, like many another rogue in business life, was not above playing on the string of "patriotism" and class hatred. He can now languish in prison for five years and meditate over the fact that the honest movement of labor continues to rise in the scale of society and without fear of the kind of "government" that the rascal, John R. Walsh, represents.

Walsh is not in prison because he fought Socialism—that is not our claim. But we point to Walsh, now unmasked, as of the type of men who fight us the hardest.

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Sept. 20. Since yesterday we have had very bad and stormy weather. Half of the passengers are sick and the other half do not feel well. I have not had a sick minute and do not expect any. There are hardly a dozen passengers in the dining room. I cannot understand what they are fussing about. Of course, I will admit we have quite a storm. The captain marked it with "10 't2," being the highest possible. The boat is rocking badly at the ends, but, however, the center of the boat where the dining room is located, is keeping up the even tenor of its way. I saw everything in the boat today except the machine room, and the captain said he would take me personally to the engineer and have him show me personally. He said that as a rule no one is permitted in that room, but he would make an exception in my case. My *Allgemeine Tagesblatt* fellow has very cutely also put the German part on my shoulders—however, I do not mind it. \* \* \* Everybody on board is very friendly and attentive to me, everybody, including the purser.

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"Of course this is a particularly critical time. If the House of Lords should reject the finance bill—with its progressive income tax—then the House of Commons will do something no upper house has dared to do in England for many hundred years. According to the *unwritten* constitution of England the House of Lords has *nothing to say* in financial matters. And if they should all of a sudden assert themselves now, simply because the "income tax" hits them very hard, it may mean the *end of the upper house*. The brightest of them realize that, and so does the king—according to some of the newspapers, although they do not come out as plainly as I do here. And the king is afraid that if the House of Lords is abolished he might possibly have to go with it. And therefore he is using his influence with the lords to let the bill pass.

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**FERRER**

**L**IBERTY, if possible, within the law; but at all events, liberty."

These words adorned a tablet which faced me in Boston, during my recent visit to that historic city. They pointed out the cobble stones, a spot marked by a peculiar pattern of the pavement, where the revolutionists were shot in Boston by the soldiers of King George III.

But that was long ago.

Ferrer was striving to gain for the people of Spain those things for which the revolution of 1776 was fought.

But the president of these United States is holding friendly conferences with Diaz of Mexico. And the press of America says Ferrer was an anarchist, because the Spanish government says so, torsood!

Of this much they may be sure: that it will not require as much injustice as Spain has suffered to create many Ferrers in America.

Winfred R. Gaylord.

**Germany's Wide Awake Unions**

The trades union movement in the United States and in Europe was the subject of a speech by Herman Mueller, sec'y of the Labor Secretariat in Berlin, Germany, and one of the three trades unionists sent here by the German lithographic trades union to study the political and economical labor movement in this country. Mueller drew a very interesting parallel between the American and European movement and freely criticised the tactics employed by the American central organization of labor. He scored the American Federation of Labor's policy of craft division, the system of large initiation fees practiced by many affiliated organizations, the spirit of caste and craft pride still prevailing in pure and simple unions, and showed plainly how these measures worked injury to the labor movement.

Mueller, in his introductory remarks, stated that the reception tendered to Gompers in Berlin was not meant for Gompers personally, but for the American labor movement. "We are accustomed," he said, "to treat every one civilly, no matter from where he comes, if he desires to study the German la-

"We Know Our Friends by Their Deeds"

bor movement, even if he comes from the ranks of the honest bourgeois reformers and sociologists."

The speaker continued: "We in Germany hold that the labor movement, economically and politically, is one and indivisible; though both these parts act each on its respective field. But the goal, the overthrow of capitalism, is in both the same."

"Our trade unions are not as old as yours, but they are more progressive, and followed upon the founding of the Socialist party. The German economic movement followed the path pointed out by the Social-Democratic party. From the beginning, the movement was impregnated with the ideals of Socialism. And we always held to the views that a trade union not guided by this ideal must always wander into a blind alley, and become, under certain circumstances, reactionary. A union, guided by the Socialist spirit, will not subjugate the high goal of labor's emancipation to pecuniary trades interests, but will always keep in view its aim."

"We in Germany also had our quarrels; we also had our experiments, but generally, the principles of the industrial union prevailed. The 'Locals' in Germany have seen their days. The Metal Workers' Union of Germany organizes all those engaged in the metal industry irrespective of skill. And the highest skilled man is regarded no greater than the lowest. From this it will be clear that we were surprised to see how the 'unskilled' laborer is treated here, especially so when we found that he is even excluded from the union. Such tactics can't lead to anything else but great injury to the cause of labor."

"It is foolish to keep the unskilled worker out of the union; he must be recruited and made a co-fighter in labor's cause. Pittsburgh has shown whereto a false policy of exclusion leads." —*Braner-Zeitung*.

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"Socialism and Modern Science," by Prof. R. B. Cunningham-Graham, one of the chief movers in the English agitation, who himself lived in Spain many years, was asked today. He said:

"Ferrer was a quiet, inoffensive, intellectual man who never spoke, never wrote and never was even a Socialist."

**Superstition and Kingcraft Murders Ferrer!****Prof. Ferrer's Defense.**

**T**HIS is what Ferrer said in his own defense at the recent farcical trial accorded him by Spain. He described how, with the police dogging his steps, he tried to keep out of sight during the rioting in Barcelona and vicinity. He denied that he had been involved in politics. He declared that he was solely interested in the improvement of the education of the youth of the country. He considered that the rising in Barcelona was quite spontaneous. He attributed the incendiaryism that had occurred to the madness of the moment. He was convinced that his prosecution was the work of enemies who wanted to destroy his printing establishment, as they had his modern school. He denied the testimony of other witnesses and protested against the acceptance of hearsay evidence and the introduction of what he wrote as a youth twenty-four years ago, when he agitated for the establishment of a republic with the aid of the army.

**Spain's Royal Half-Idiot****Worthless "Royal" Race That Live Like Parasites on the Spanish People**

**T**HE people, fortunately, are rebelling against their half-idiot government, the asinine mixture of superstition, bigotry, ignorance and cruelty that has ruled Spain for centuries.

The downward path, so well mapped out and explained by Buckle in his magnificent "History of Civilization in England," is nearing an end. The people of Spain, a great and powerful people, will get rid of their king, throw off the cunning rule of bigoted exploiters and restore to the peninsula the intelligence and power of the old days.

**News Suppressed in America**

**C**hicago Daily Socialist: Seldon has there been a more flagrant example of the censorship of the capitalist press of America than has been furnished by the treatment over the case of Francisco Ferrer?

For weeks ever, European paper has been filled with the news of his trial and the efforts made in his behalf. Even the most conservative papers, if they made any pretense at common decency, have joined in this protest, and all have at least told the story of the struggle. Great meetings were held in every corner of Europe. National strikes and national boycotts of Spanish goods if he were injured, and they are now preparing to carry out these threats. In more than one country the fate of ministries hung about the outcome of that trial. In all the political kaleidoscope will suffer important changes because of Ferrer's death. The foremost scientists, teachers, writers and scholars of Europe were banded together in his defense.

Yet in the face of these facts the news agencies that supply the American press were almost completely silent.

The American press has not confined itself to suppressing the TRUTH in this matter. They have added deliberate lying. The *Inter Ocean* of Thursday morning reprints the foul lie that has been sent out by the Spanish censors about the killing of monks and nuns by the revolutionaries. Can the editor of the *Inter Ocean* be so hopelessly ignorant as not to know that he has been repudiated by even the most hide-bound conservative papers of Europe? Does he not know that the convents and monasteries which were destroyed by the enraged mob were simply the sweatshops and distilleries established by the religious orders that had been driven out of France?

An investigation of these charges was made after the riots had ceased and it was shown that but one member of any religious order had been killed, while members of these orders had been most active in urging the soldiers on to the massacre of Spanish laborers.

The capitalist press of America does not wish the workingmen and women of this country to know the truth about the resistance to tyranny and exploitation by the workers of Europe. Such things tend to make the rule of American capitalists unstable.

Spain is not the only country in which there is a press censorship. It is more subtle in this country, but would be almost equally effectual were it not for the papers owned and controlled by the working class.

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**Trying to Murder Truth**

Francisco Ferrer, the one great educator that Spain has ever produced, was killed because those who rule Spain feared the schools that he established.

The claim that he was connected with the recent uprisings is farcical.

But Ferrer had no part in that battle. His was the life of the scholar, the educator, the teacher.

His only crime was that he established schools that taught the truth to the working class of Spain.

The whole system of exploitation and tyranny in Spain rests

upon the fact that SIXTY-EIGHT PER CENT OF THE POPULATION CAN NEITHER READ NOR WRITE. To keep the workers in ignorance is the principal object of the present so-called systems of speculation.

Ferrer dared to teach the truths of modern science, the facts of modern life, the real conditions of modern society. "The common people heard him gladly." They flocked to his schools, and these grew in number and in influence.

The Spanish government saw these things and trembled.

and the Socialist press of the whole world is in violent eruption of righteous wrath and horror.

The Spanish revolutionists frankly declare that the murder of Ferrer will cost Alfonso his life

— and who can blame them in a country where law is a mockery.

The gradual rise of the cities of Christendom is one of the most interesting and significant things in written history. Socialists should look up "The Socialistic Cities" in "Socialism and the City," by Winfield R. Gaylord, this office. Twenty-five for a dollar.

"The common life is the life of the commonwealth."

Public indignation meetings are

Endorsements of R. A. Dague's "Pamphlet, What Is Socialism? What Is Capitalism?"

Rev. James U. Peebles, M.D., M.A., United States consul in Turkey, of Little Creek, Mich., writes: "You had something to say and you said it well. I greatly admire your pamphlet. It should have an immense circulation."

Rev. Benj. F. Wilson of Girard, Kans., writes: "I have read with great pleasure your pamphlet, 'What Is Socialism, etc.' You have written in a way that must disarm prejudice, compel attention, and provoke thought. It is just the book to put into the hands of the class to whom you have written, and can't fail to do great good. Can you supply me with 500 or 1,000 copies?"

Major I. N. Chapman of Alameda, Cal., surveyor and civil engineer, writes: "Your pamphlet, 'What Is Socialism, etc.' is most excellent. It ought to find its way into the hands of religious people throughout the world. God said, 'Let there be light!' your pamphlet will spread the light."

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# Taft's Visit to the West

Gazed at out of Curiosity by  
Sight Seers.

To Taft There is Nothing Like  
the Delights of the Table.  
Meets Diaz to Please Those  
Who Rule Him.

By William Henry Farber

(Written for the HERALD.)

**R**ESENTER TAFT has come and gone from California. To the Socialists he is NOT a disappointment. Mr. Taft knows his masters' voices, as sheep know the voices of their shepherds.

While on his tour, Mr. Taft has always been able to readily distinguish the RULERS from the RULED; for he ate with those who ruled him, and with the politicians and the parasites of society; while those whom he thinks he governs stood out in the street and shouted and starved. A few people with a morbid appetite and those who love the glitter of tinsel, have stood, as their ancestors stood, out in the streets, and craned their necks and waited for hours in the streets to get a view of Taft, just as people have turned out to see Pharaoh and Caesar, and as they turned out to see Washington and Jackson and McKinley, or any other president.

Several of the unions and the Socialists generally have protested at a meeting of President Taft and Porfirio Diaz of Mexico; and before this article shall appear in print the portly gentleman from Washington will have shaken the hand of the worst butcher in America.

At Los Angeles, in free America, on Sunday last, three Socialists were arrested and thrown into jail for speaking in a Socialist meeting at the Plaza, where men and women had gathered to protest against the Taft-Diaz rendezvous. These three comrades, L. Guitierrez Delara, a Mexican Socialist, and Bertone Ar-tolomis, and Miguel Lorano, were taken into custody by the brutal

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police and lodged in jail and held until the day following Big Bill's departure from the southern metropolis. Mrs. Delara wished to see her husband and was told to call "next Teusday." I am told that they feed prisoners fairly well in Los Angeles, and am informed that the jail is a fine structure and well equipped.

The *Sacramento Bee*, a paper which stands for constitutional liberty, has the following editorial comment:

"The authorities are Russiannizing this country altogether too much when they break up a meeting of Spanish-speaking Socialists in Los Angeles, and not only jail some of the speakers, but even refuse to permit their wives to see them in the prison, where they are to be kept until President Taft has left the city."

"And their offense? Only that they have vigorously protested, as they had a right to protest, against President Taft, 'consenting to meet' Porfirio Diaz, who was described as the despot and patriot-killer of Mexico."

"It makes no difference what any man thinks about Porfirio Diaz whether he recognizes him as the greatest friend Mexico ever had. That should not prohibit any other man not only from holding a diametrically opposite opinion, but from expressing it at his pleasure. To deny that right in this free country is to spit upon the constitution and to trample upon the laws. To jail individuals for such an expression is an infamous public outrage—an outrage that should not be tolerated."

"If men of Mexican birth are to be throttled and jailed in this alleged free country for daring to vent their heated opinions of Porfirio Diaz, the spectacle may soon be witnessed of the incarceration of men of German birth for denouncing Emperor Wilhelm as a tyrant, and of men of Irish birth for taking the name of King Edward in vain."

## Brotherhood

**T**HE Rev. C. W. Tinsley, of Youngstown, Ohio, a Methodist minister attending the East Ohio M. E. Conference of Canton, preached in the Dueber Avenue M. E. Church of that city, and said:

"Socialism is a failure, because it attempts to improve the moral and spiritual conditions of men by first improving the material conditions which surround them, whereas these material conditions cannot be changed before God reforms society, for Christianity is the supreme law of the world. The Socialist works the wrong way."

Mr. Allen Cook, a prominent attorney and real estate broker of Canton in commenting on the utterances of the Rev. Tinsley, wrote the *Akron People* as follows:

"Evidently the reverend gentleman is working the wrong way. People will not listen to religious doctrine while the pangs of hunger and starvation pervert their natures. Human society at any given point has never been any higher or lower, any better or any worse, than the methods humanity employed in getting a living."

"New methods of gaining a livelihood have always created a new civilization or a new form of society. The tooth method of making a living made cannibalism necessary; the hand tool method made slavery natural; the earlier and less powerful steam machinery made the wage system inevitable and the boundless, limitless power of the modern engines of industry

makes Socialism logical and sure to come."

"The human race is certainly not bad from choice. Under proper environments it would be much easier and better to be good than to be bad. The bad that is in the human race is there because it has been compelled to earn its bread in a bad way. In fact the human race has not yet had a chance to reveal to the world the good things that is in it and never will have a chance until economic justice has been established in the world."

"The priest or clergyman who defends the infamous system of capitalism that is today grinding both the human and spiritual life out of the laboring class, that is making profits out of the virtue of women, and manufacturing profits out of the strength, the hope and happiness of millions of little children, I say, that priest or clergyman is not fit to stand in the pulpit and preach the doctrine of Jesus Christ to the human race. Why is it that the ministers and the priests apparently develop such great spirituality? They are furnished with good clothes to wear. They most always have good homes with modern conveniences. Their environments are conducive to moral uplift and spiritual development."

"Change the environment of the workingman where he can live a life of ease and comfort and would have an opportunity given him for spiritual development and moral uplift and he could easily live a better, a higher and nobler life."

"If you would take a pure, innocent little girl from the best, moral and refined home in our city and place that child for years in a house of prostitution, she would grow up to be a prostitute. Environment would be the cause."

"If you would take a little innocent girl from a house of prostitution and place it in a reined, moral home, that child would grow up a refined and moral woman. Environment would be the cause."

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"The Mills of Mammon. It is the title of a novel by James H. Brower, who is well known to Socialists throughout the United States, as a lecturer and organizer. Comrade Brower says of his book:

"The Mills of Mammon are huge concerns, wherein life, virtue, energy, hope and love are being ground into profits. To tell the story, I took some five hundred pages, and at that, left most of my characters grinding. I have not put these people on stilts, they live in the pages of the story as I have seen them living, while traveling

"An American crowd takes its

up and down this country, carrying the message of emancipation from The Mills of Mammon. As to the outcome, if one woman in all this land, one child, shall receive more kindly treatment at the hands of those who rule their lives, I will be amply repaid for my labors."

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Men in earnest have no time to waste in patching fig leaves for the naked truth.—Lowell.

## Foolish Notions as to Socialism

By a Business Man-Socialist.

### The Private Ownership of Land and Capital Is Upheld by the Bible

A very zealous preacher tells me that Socialism can never be realized because the principle of private property is upheld and taught in the bible.

"Exactly so," I exclaimed, "and so was chattel slavery upheld and taught by the bible." Theologians proved from their pulpits that slavery was a divine institution approved by God. They proved this to their own satisfaction, and to the satisfaction of slave-owners by quotations from the Holy Scriptures.

"So also was the absolute power of one man to rule all others upheld and taught in the bible, and the 'divine right of kings' became a theory deeply rooted in the minds of all those who benefited by that system of government.

"So was the feudal system upheld and taught, and so was every form of social organization that has since fallen into decay, and become a thing to be ridiculed.

In the economic struggle the old and worn out has been displaced by a higher and better organization,

matter of private ownership of land and capital.

"Yes," said I, "and there's a difference between the private ownership of the means by which wealth is produced and the private owner-

### Adam Was a Socialist and He Fell.

I have been told that the contention we Socialists make that men would lead holier lives under Socialism, was given the lie completely by the case of Adam, because he lived in the most perfect socialist atmosphere that ever existed.

This was surely a revelation to me, knowing, as I did, that even the word Socialism was not in use until about the middle of the nineteenth century, and that the whole socialist plan is a growth from the decay of capitalism, that it is the result of man's inventive genius and is based upon the machine and the factory process of doing the world's work.

That it has to do with society, and complex social problems, that it can only be a question when men are brought into close relations and

### How Little We Know

OW little we know of each other; How are we misjudged each by each; How much that is highest and noblest Can find no expression in speech!

How often we censure our brother And leave a dark cloud on his name.

When could we but know, he's deserving Of charity rather than blame.

In each is a nature unfathomed, In each an unexplored mine.

Of sentiment wholesome and kindly, The earnest of something divine.

In each, though the surface seems barren, The manner repellent and cold,

Deep down in the bosom is hidden The veins of the purest gold.

Judge not, for the trial, the temptation,

The motive and heart are unknown,

Judge not, for rustic is the battle Fought out in the silence alone.

We see but the rough that is outward;

The surface that is hardened with sin,

We look at the shell uninviting,

And not at the storehouse within.

Our brothers and sisters who struggle With circumstance, weakness and fate,

Why should we not lift with compassion,

Not trample and curse and hate?

For none is so low but a kindness

May help him his loss to retrieve,

And all in their instincts are better

Than others are prone to believe.

There is gold where it least is suspected,

Deep down in the fastness of stone,

There's gold in the heart of all creatures

Pure yearnings that never are known,

In each of our hearts is a beauty,

If we but had eyes and would see,

In each is a storehouse of treasure,

And love is its magical key.

The foregoing lines were delivered at the recent meeting of the New York Real Estate Association, held in Syracuse.

and one woman speaker at each stand.

"The presence of the women speakers, though women have no vote, is a British political tradition, and titled women, 'ladyships' and 'honorable Mrs.' were common, as they are at all meetings.

"On one platform a red-haired, curly-haired Irish priest, who looked and gestured and talked like Victor Murdock, was telling the people to rise against the idle landlords, who toiled not, neither did they spin, but who spent their lives 'yachting in the Mediterranean and marking time in Piccadilly.'

"At all of the fourteen platforms the orators were going at the same time, and the great crowd moved from platform to platform, listening to its heroes."

## The Principles We Advocate

They are also the class which suffers most from the curse of class rule. The fact that a small number of capitalists is permitted to use all the country's resources and social tools for their individual profit, and to make the production of the necessities of our lives the object of their competitive private enterprises and speculations, is at the bottom of all the social evils of our time.

**Modern Industry Planless.** In spite of the organization of trusts, pools and combinations, the capitalists are powerless to regulate production for social ends. Industries are largely conducted in a planless manner. Through periods of feverish activity the strength and health of the workers are mercilessly undermined, and during periods of enforced idleness the workers are frequently reduced to starvation.

The climax of this chaotic system of production are the regularly recurring industrial depressions and crises which paralyze the nation every fifteen or twenty years.

In its mad and reckless race for profits the capitalist class is bound to exploit the workers to the very limit of their endurance and to sacrifice their physical, moral and mental welfare to its own insatiable greed. Capitalism keeps the masses of workingmen in poverty, destitution, physical exhaustion and ignorance. It drags their wives from their homes to the mill and factory. It snatches their children from the playgrounds and schools and crowds their slender bodies and uniformed minds into cold dollars. It wantonly disfigures, maims and kills hundreds of thousands of workingmen annually in mines, on railroads and in factories. It drives millions of unemployed into beggary, vagrancy and all forms of crime and vice.

**Public Intelligence Corrupted.** To maintain their rule over their fellow men, the capitalists must keep in their pay all organs of the public powers, public mind and public conscience. They control the dominating parties and through them, the elected public officials. They select our executives, bribe our legislators and corrupt our courts of justice. They sway our educational institutions. They own the nation's press and intellectual life.

The bitter struggle over the division of the products of labor is waged between the exploiting propertied class on the one hand and the exploited, propertyless class on the other. In this struggle the wage working class cannot expect adequate relief from any reform of the present order from the dominant class of society.

The wage workers are therefore the most determined and irreconcilable antagonists of the ruling class.

Human life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only when these are assured are freedom, culture and higher human development possible. To produce food, clothing and shelter, land and machinery are needed. Land by itself does not satisfy human needs. Human labor gets raw materials and food out of the soil by creating machinery and using it upon the land. Whoever has control of land and machinery has control of human labor, and with it of

the capitalist system. But in abolishing the present system, the workingmen will free not only their own class, but also all other classes of modern society. The small farmer, who is today exploited by large capital more indirectly but not less effectively than is the wage laborer; the small manufacturer and trader, who is engaged in a desperate and losing struggle for economic independence in the face of the all-conquering power of concentrated capital; and even the capitalist himself, who is the slave of his wealth, rather than its master. The struggle of the working class against the capitalist class, while it is a class struggle, is thus at the same time a struggle for the abolition of all classes and class privilege.



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**TAKE NOTICE!**  
Nov. 6 we will print the first weekly lesson for the winter study course, devised by the National Executive Committee, and will print the lessons in their consecutive order each week thereafter. Locals and individual members are requested to take up this study course, using the lessons printed in this paper as a guide. For further information and books necessary to the course address the National Office, Socialist Party, 180 Washington street, Chicago, Ill.

Since last report the national party referendums proposed by Milwaukee, Wis., first published May 8, have been seconded by Locals Racine, Sheboygan and Madison, Wis.

Thomas L. Morgan, "Tommy" Morgan, of Chicago, has now blossomed forth as an editor. He has assumed editorial charge of the *Proletarian* and intends to use it, he says, to iron out some of the wrinkles in the party organization. He offers the little paper at 25 cents a year. It is published from 79 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

Extensive arrangements are being made by woman suffrage associations throughout the United States for the entertainment of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English suffragist and Socialist. Mrs. Pankhurst, who is expected here in about two weeks, will come under a suspended sentence of the English courts. She and her daughter were arrested last June for leading a deputation of eight women to the house of commons to see the prime minister. Mrs. Pankhurst introduced the plan of starving in jail and for that reason is out under suspended sentence.

#### Swedish General Strike (Cablegram.)

"Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 9, 1909.—C. E. Thulin, 2517 Elms street, Chicago, Ill.:  
"No agreement in sight. The struggle may last all winter. Much help is needed. Do all you can."  
(Signed.)

"LINDQUIST."

The national office of the party to date has sent to the strikers' headquarters in Sweden the sum of \$2,380.18. The national executive committee by unanimous vote repeats to the party members the above call, "DO ALL YOU CAN" and DO IT NOW. Remit to J. Mahlon Barnes, national secretary, 180 Washington street, Chicago, Ill.

#### Cincinnati

Cincinnati has no Socialists in office, but it looks as if there will be a different tale to tell after this election. Comrade Nicholas Klein, the young attorney and a veteran Socialist, has been nominated by us for Assessor of Real Property, a new position, and it is a certainty

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The Milwaukee Social-Democratic Publishing Company publishes the *SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC HERALD*, *VORWAERTS* and *WAHRHEIT* four German papers), is the proprietor of the Co-operative Printery and also of a rapidly growing book department, which publishes and prints many titles itself and handles thousands of books and pamphlets of other publishers.

Our papers, like all other Socialist papers in this country, still have a deficit to contend with. The printing department, as well as our book department, of course, yield a profit, but not sufficient to overcome the deficit of the three papers. Our deficit which is not met from these two sources is nearly all raised by picnic and carnival proceeds, private donations and by the sale of capital stock.

Our cash deficit is the result of three causes. Perhaps before we state the causes, we had better define what we mean by cash deficit. Not all of it is loss, as many might think. It is that amount of cash disbursed or spent for the conduct and maintenance of the business, over and above the income derived from regular receipts. Disbursements include such items as rent, wages, repairs, new machinery, new books, etc. Regular receipts come from the income from subscriptions, advertising, book sales, printing, etc. These receipts do not include picnic and carnival proceeds, donations or proceeds from the sale of capital stock, loans or bonds. These latter items are special receipts from which the deficit is met and from which the cost of publishing new books and the payment of new machinery is provided. So you see, what is really new capital, and should be charged as such, is included in disbursements. Let us now proceed to enumerate the causes of this deficit.

The first cause comes from the fact that the regular receipts from the *HERALD*, *VORWAERTS* and *WAHRHEIT* are smaller than the operating expenses; the second, because the profits of the book department are not sufficient to pay for the publishing of a constantly increasing list of new books, the demand for which always far exceeds our ability to supply; and third, the constant demand for new type, new machinery, etc.—in short, new equipment which is absolutely necessary to keep up with our increasing business.

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Now, to cover these items and to provide for the future for these same items, we are asking for four hundred new life subscribers. Therefore, we want to sell four hundred shares of \$5.00 each of the capital stock of the Milwaukee Social-Democratic Publishing Company at once. As each purchaser of a share of our capital stock is entitled to a life subscription to the *SOCIAL-*

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In order to know why Socialism is coming, a Socialist should have some idea of the theory of evolution, and some knowledge of history. In order to know why it is coming, he must know something of economic development.

We, as Socialists, are vitally interested in the development of civilization. History for us is not a collection of "shallow village tales," the story of the coronations, weddings and burials of kings. Nor is it simply an account of battles lost and won, so many thousand killed on either side, and this or that king or general given all the glory. No. For us the true lesson of history is the story of the progress of mankind by gradual steps from brutal savagery to enlightenment, culture and humanity. A great English statesman long wisely said, "The history of the future is to be read in the pages of the past."

No one realizes this truth more than the really scientific Socialist.

The manner in which one system has grown out of another, feudalism out of slavery, and capitalism out of feudalism, is most suggestive of the manner in which the Socialist Republic will gradually develop out of the present system.

These are the most instructive lessons of history.

Now these lessons, as we have already said, must be sought in the history of the people, in the history of their industrial and social and intellectual life—in the ideal that ruled and moved humanity from time to time. The knowledge of these ideals is of vital interest to the Socialist. Books, pamphlets, etc., represent the ideas of their respective times and have in turn influenced the ideas of those times. Of course we have histories of civilization and of literature, but no digest or comment can give the ideas of any author or thinker so well as he can give them himself in his own language.

To do this is the aim of a set of books recently published under the title of Library of Original Sources. It gives in ten volumes a history of the various lines of human development. And what is its special advantage, this history is given in the original documents that formed the milestones of the development.

The religious systems of the early nations were the first ideals of mankind. The Library of Original Sources very properly begins with these various religions of the earliest antiquity. The first volume contains the Babylonian account of the creation, the Chaldean Book of the flood, the Egyptian Book of the Dead and Hymn to the Nile, the Vedic Hymns of the Brahmins, the Laws of Manu, the writings of the Buddhists, and of the Persian Zoroaster, and the Sayings of Confucius. Here we have represented all the ancient religions of the world. The comparison of these with the earliest books of the Old Testament is very interesting as well as instructive.

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from Plato to Epicurus. Volume III contains the history of the civilization of Rome as given by the Roman historians, and selections from the greatest Roman writers. The fourth and fifth volumes give the ideas of the Middle Ages and of the great popular movements of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Then follow the political and scientific writings of the subsequent ages down to our own era. And all this is given in the very words of the men of those times.

Take, for instance, the subject of "Social Movements," which comprises the first part of the tenth volume. Under this head we have first the "Manifesto of the Communist Party," with a fine portrait of Karl Marx. Second, "Scientific Socialism," by Frederic Engels. Third, an article on "The Public Control of Railroads," taken from the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Fourth, "A Comparison of Municipal and Private Ownership," by the Commissioner of Labor, 1894. Fifth, an essay on "English State Socialism," by H. W. Macrosty, of the English Fabian Society.

Other subjects are as fully and ably treated. Take, for another example, the topic of "Political Ideas of the United States," between the years 1833 and 1860, which occupies a large part of the ninth volume.

Here we have articles on "Slave Conditions," by Basil Hall; "Morals of Slavery," by Harriet Martineau, and "The Rights of Slavery," by George McDowell. William Lloyd-Garrison, the fearless agitator of the old anti-slavery days, is represented by four of his characteristic essays, entitled, "The Liberator," "The Constitution a Covenant with Death and an Agreement with Hell," "No Union with Slaveholders," and "In Support of the American Anti-Slavery Society." This section also includes the famous speech of Wendell Phillips on "The Murder of Lovejoy," which cost Phillips his social position as a rising young lawyer in Boston—a speech which will find an answering chord in every Socialist heart. Here are also speeches and essays by Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, William Henry Seward, Stephen A. Douglas, and Chief Justice Taney. Here also are the party platforms of the Republican, "Douglas Democratic," "Southern Democratic" and "Constitutional Union" parties of 1860. The Secession Ordinance of South Carolina and South Carolina's "Declaration of Causes" close this section, which in itself contains more real American history than any mere dry chronicle of political or military campaigns.

The scientific departments also are filled with articles by the foremost scientists of modern times, Darwin, Haeckel, Spencer, Weismann and others. Roentgen gives an account of the X-rays. W. H. Preece writes on Wireless Telegraphy.

In short, each department of human thought or knowledge—religion, philosophy, politics, economics, education, evolution, physics, chemistry, biology, psychology, philology, history, archaeology—is represented by its best men. We see the beginning of each of these sciences in centuries and epochs gone by, and its development to its present status. And in every case it is some of the original works that are reprinted.

Socialists are coming to understand that there is no subject which is not necessary in the Socialist movement. As our work becomes more constructive, our opportunities widen and new responsibilities are laid upon us. It is becoming daily clearer to the conscientious and thoughtful Socialist that no department of human activity is foreign to him. It is at the same time imperative to learn how everything developed and is still developing and changing into a better system.

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for the whole people, through the establishment of Socialism. If the company in the future should make a profit on the year's business, such profit would naturally go into the improvement and enlargement of the plant. If some time there should be a surplus above that need, the stockholders would, undoubtedly, vote to contribute it to the Social-Democratic party. However, each stockholder receives a dividend annually in the form of a life subscription to the *HERALD*, which goes with the stock.

It is safe to say that none of our stockholders expect any other dividends. They have simply invested their money in the publishing company to help the cause of Socialism. The question of dividends is not likely to arise for years.

Contrary to other Socialist papers, who undoubtedly in the best of faith believe they will soon be on a self-sustaining basis, we can see that, even if that point is reached so far as operating expenses are concerned, there will be many, many years of great sacrifices before Socialist publishing houses will be in a position to provide also for improvements and enlargements from their regular income. Consequently cash dividends will not worry us for a long while.

*Now for the offer!* We need money and want more subscribers. So, rather than ask for donations, all of which are badly needed for the campaign deficit fund, we want to and must dispose of these shares right away. In order to have paid the above mentioned \$1,800, we had to borrow the money. This must be repaid soon. An extension of these obligations is entirely out of the question. Therefore, no time must be lost. To stimulate the sale we will give one set of these books to the comrade selling the greatest number of these four hundred shares and another set to the comrade who personally takes the greatest number of shares. Anyone wishing to enter this contest must use our subscription blanks and must follow our instructions, both of which will be furnished upon request. Only paid in advance sales will be counted in this contest.

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## Milwaukee Co. Organization

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The 20th Ward Branch, S.-D. P., will hold a prize schafskopf and skat tournament at Kettelman's hall, corner 21st and Center sts., Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31. A number of cash as well as merchandise prizes will come up for distribution. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

All necessary arrangement for the Ninth Ward Branch, S.-D. P., grand

entertainment and ball which is to be held at the Bahn Frei Turn hall, Sunday afternoon and evening, Oct. 24, have been looked after. The committee on arrangements offers an excellent afternoon program to be followed by a sociable in the evening. Admission 15 cents, after 6 o'clock 25 cents.

The South Side Women's Branch held a very successful card tournament at Meier's hall, corner Muskego and Mitchell st., last Sunday afternoon.

The Town of Greenfield Branch also held a well attended prize schafskopf tournament at Hintze's hall just Sunday afternoon.

Everything is in readiness for the grand afternoon entertainment and ball which has been arranged by the Workingmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society No. 185 for Sunday afternoon and evening, Oct. 31. The committee on arrangements most cordially invite all the Social-Democrats, sympathizers and friends to attend.

The West Side Socialist Women's Club predict a record breaking gathering for their afternoon entertainment and ball to be held, Sunday afternoon and evening, Nov. 7, at the Free Gemeinde hall, 264 Fourth st. They invite their many west side and south and east side women club-members and sympathizers to attend without fail.

What promises to be a grand affair is slated for Oct. 24th under the auspices of the South Side Ladies Singing Society Aurora, in the form of a prize cinch and schafskopf tournament for the Social-Democratic party and are worthy of the support of each and all the party members, sympathizers and friends. Please don't forget the place, corner Muskego ave. and Mitchell st.

The South Side Women's Branch has arranged for monthly cinch parties every first Tuesday afternoon of the month at Korsch's hall, Ninth and Greenfield ares. Every first Friday afternoon of the month they hold dances at the Socialist Home, 382 Washington st. The latter cinch is set aside for the Fifth Ward Branch.

Next Saturday night the Bachelor Club, an organization composed of Social-Democrats in Bay View, will hold their second annual dance at Huebsch's hall, end of Howell ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 26, Twenty-first Ward Branch, subject: Socialism and the Child Labor Problem, by Miss E. H. Thomas, at Klara's hall, 1432 Green Bay ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 26, Twenty-third Ward Branch, subject: Socialism in Relation to the Trades Union Movement, by Jos. Sultaire, at C. Wollin's hall, 282 Greenfield ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, Nineteenth Ward Branch, subject: Socialism and the Child Labor Problem, by Miss E. H. Thomas, at Eckelmann's hall, 3100 Lisbon ave.

Thursday, Oct. 28, Twelfth Ward Branch, subject: The Fulfillment of Democracy, by Carl D. Thompson, at Hof's hall, 601 Kinnickinnic ave.

ENTERTAINMENTS, SCHAFSKOPF TOURNAMENTS, ETC.

Oct. 17—South Side Women's Branch, prize cinch sociable, at Meier's hall, Muskego avenue and Mitchell

## The Free Public Evening Schools

The Milwaukee School Board opened its free public evening schools last Tuesday evening.

The hours of the school sessions will be from 7 to 9 p.m. The half hour from 7 to 7:30 will be devoted by the teacher to special help and the personal instruction of those pupils who need it. All pupils who can should be present during this half hour. Regular class work will begin at 7:30 and continue until 9.

The evening schools will be taught on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, three evenings of each week.

Thirteen schools will be taught in the following buildings:

First District—Cass and Keweenaw streets.

Third District—Detroit and Jackson streets.

Fourth District—Eighth and Sycamore streets.

Tenth District No. 1—Twelfth and Lloyd streets.

Tenth District No. 2—Ninth and Walnut streets.

Eleventh District No. 2—Eighth and Franklin streets.

Twelfth District No. 1—Hancock street, near Mitchell street.

Thirteenth District No. 1—First and Center streets.

Fourteenth District No. 1—Windlake avenue and Becher street.

Fifteenth District No. 2—Twenty-seventh street and Cold Spring avenue.

Seventeenth District No. 1—Dover street, near Kinnickinnic avenue.

Twenty-first District No. 2—Ninth and Ring streets.

Twenty-second District No. 1—Clarke and Twenty-eighth streets.

The studies will be the same as last year, reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, composition, geography, the history and government of the United States and of Wisconsin.

Cooking classes will be taught in the First district, Tenth district No. 1, Eleventh district No. 2, Twelfth district No. 1, Thirteenth district No. 1, and Fifteenth district No. 2.

Books must be provided by each pupil for himself when needed. The principal of the school will tell members of his school when they need books and what books to get.

Regular attendance will be expected of all pupils, except in cases where they are compelled to stay out to work or on account of sickness.

No one should stay away from the evening school because he must be absent an evening now and then, but having entered he should not allow social engagements or unimportant matters to keep him away; he should be in his place unless compelled to stay away.

Oct. 24—South Side Ladies' Singing society, Aurora, prize cinch and schafskopf tournaments, Meier's hall, Muskego avenue and Mitchell street, Sixty-eighth avenue.

Oct. 24—Ninth Ward Branch, S.-D. P., entertainment and ball, Bahn Frei Turn hall, North avenue, near Twelfth street. Admission, 15 cents, after 6 o'clock, 25 cents.

Oct. 28—Bachelor club, second annual dance, to be held Saturday, at Huebsch's hall, end of Howell avenue-Tippencanoe car line.

Saturday evening, Oct. 30—Coming Nation club, annual ball, at the South Side Kindergarten hall, Greenbush street.

Oct. 31—Twenty-first Ward Branch, prize schafskopf and skat tournaments, Kettelman's hall, Twenty-first and Center streets.

Oct. 31—Workingmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, entertainment and ball, at the South Side Turn hall, Admission, 10 cents, after 6 o'clock, 25 cents.

Nov. 7—West Side Women's Socialist Club, entertainment and ball, at the Freie Gemeinde hall, 264 Fourth street.

Nov. 14—Eleventh Ward Branch, S.-D. P., schafskopf tournament, at R. Unke's hall, 887 Muskego avenue. Admission, 50 cents, including refreshments.

Nov. 20—Workingmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, Nos. 156 and 185, twenty-fifth anniversary, grand ball, West Side Turn hall, Fourth street. Tickets, 25 cents, at the door, 35 cents.

Nov. 21—

## Wisconsin State Organization

Carl D. Thompson, 344 Sixth St., Milwaukee, Wis., state organizer; to whom news and other matters for this department should be sent.

**QUARTERLY REPORT** — The quarterly report for the locals of the state will be sent to the printers this week. If your secretary has not done his duty, your local will probably get a black mark. Most of the active locals, however, are already in with their reports. The sheet will show good results.

**WASHBURN** — The comrades here are going to make things hum. They have applied for four speakers, Comrades Mills, Goebel, Gaylord and Thompson, and propose to have a strong lecture course in their town.

**TWO RIVERS** — The local has decided to secure an "organize" for two days of organization work, and then follow up with a lecture. This is one of the active locals in the state and is always in the game.

**MARINETTE** — Comrade Larson writes that they are keeping up the fight here against great difficulties, but propose to secure Comrade Goebel for a day and to co-operate with the comrades in Menominee, just across the river.

**WORK THAT ALL CAN DO**

There is one kind of work that every local and every individual, however limited his talents, can do—and that is personal work. Next to the distribution of literature personal work is the most important and necessary kind of work. Just to show what can be done the state executive board engaged Comrade Peter Zoll to spend two days a week in Waukesha county. He took the names of Socialists sympathizers and readers of Socialist papers which we gave him from the state office. All he did was to go to call on these people. He got them to join the party if possible, to sign their application and pay their first month's dues. Then, if he could, he would sell each one some literature. Or perhaps he would present the matter of contributions to the party work and get them to subscribe on the organization and extension fund. He found frequently people who were Socialists, but who did not want to join the organization for one reason or another, but who would contribute to the work. And finally he got the names of those who had been members of the locals at one time, but had become delinquent.

In this way Comrade Zoll went about visiting individuals. The first two days he secured six new members, sold five or six pieces of literature, secured \$4 cash contributions to the party work, and monthly subscriptions aggregating \$24 for the year, providing all are collected. This shows what can be done by little personal work.

Any comrade who is willing to spend an evening or two a week—for most of this kind of work is done best at evenings, when the men are at home—can put his branch on the active list within a very few weeks. It is this kind of work that must be done if the locals are to keep alive. Keep eternally at it, is the motto. The state office will gladly furnish any local or any comrade with the list of sympathizers and readers of Socialist papers in his community. Write to us.

### THE LITERATURE CAMPAIGN.

We are planning the biggest thing that has ever been attempted in Wisconsin so far. We want the co-operation of every live local in the state to carry it out. We propose a plan for the distribution of literature systematically and thoroughly throughout the state. A circular letter has been sent to every local explaining fully the details of the method. In general, it is this: We would like every comrade and every local who is willing to co-operate with us, in the plan, to let us know at once how many pieces of literature of a given kind each one will be willing to take and pay for and distribute each month at the rate of \$1.50 per thousand, postage extra? If we can get enough orders so as to make at least 20,000, it will pay us to undertake the plan—but we cannot start with much less.

So, whoever you are who read this line, if you are willing to do something, write to us at once, and, if possible, get your local to do so.

So far only two locals have responded to this call, namely, Fond du Lac and Green Bay. The latter does not agree to take any definite number. Superior and Two Rivers have written us, however, and will take the matter up at their next meeting. Other locals are considering it. All seem to favor it.

Our aim is to organize a great co-operative effort. If we can do this systematically and regularly, it will bring great results in the near future. It is this kind of work that made the Milwaukee movement. It is the cheapest and most effective method of propaganda.

We have all been doing it in a haphazard way, but now we want to do it systematically.

We do not suggest that the locals drop their meetings, for they are always a source of strength and inspiration. But we suggest that this plan of literature distribution be added.

Any comrade or any local, however small, can take a certain section of their town to cover. Estimate the number of pieces of literature that you need and are willing to take and pay for each month, and let us know. Do not try to do too much. Take as much territory as you can cover in two or three evenings in a month. That would be dead easy. And do not wait for anybody else to act—block out your own job and get busy.

The plan started will grow. And the locals that carry forward this kind of work will soon reap the result in increased membership and vote. And if there are those who are willing to distribute the literature but cannot pay for it, we are going to start a fund so as to furnish literature to those who are unable to pay. In this way we will get the greatest possible amount of work done.

This is our plan. Letters are now before the locals. If your local has not acted, or if you have not yet written to us, do so today. Do not lay this paper down; until you have resolved to write us about it.

### 1909 Picnic Ticket Receipts

Previously reported ..... \$871.50  
West Allis Branch ..... 2.45  
G. E. ..... 50

\$881.70

### State Campaign Debt Fading

Again the Kenosha comrades come to the front! This time it is Branch 1, the English speaking branch of Kenosha, which donates \$5.00 to clear up the state campaign deficit. Well done for Kenosha!

	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50

Total	.....	\$1,225.00
Gone	.....	254.66
Still remaining	.....	970.34

## The Conservation of the Plum Tree?

R is it conservation of common sense we need?

A few weeks ago the plums for the new \$100,000 fire engine house were accepted. Many local architects entered the "competition," if such it can be called. In the light of later events, it ranked in the farce degree. It was not merit they sought and it was not beauty or stability or efficiency that determined the decision. The few remaining Rose plums hung in balance and there was nothing to outweigh them. Mayor Rose said Mr. Messmer was to get the job because he was a good party worker and that was sufficient. Mr. Messmer got it—presumably because his plans call for a \$75,000 structure, thereby saving the city the difference. What matters it? Messmer is one of de bunt! He takes a little jaunt every now and then through the country with Schoenecker and a few of his pals, singing the praises of the present administration. Or is it the doxology they sing? No matter! It is the price one pays for a shake of the plum tree. What a healthy bargain! What a lovely polish for this "bright spot" of ours—this beautiful cith!

Is this what you asked for when you cast your vote for Rosey? Well, you are getting it! So quit your kicking and thank your stars you still have a shirt on your back.

You are usually too busy to take

an interest in politics. The sporting sheet is your favorite and also your limit. Now that the political bees are beginning to swarm again, do you care whose camp they land in?

Are you looking for means of

stopping this prodigality at the people's expense? Do you wonder who

will be our next mayor—or presi-

dent?

Spruce up your memory! Have you forgotten the literary efforts of Theodore Vilter et al., and the danger of the election of Socialist judges? Have you forgotten the big Taft posters and the little shop bulletins, telling you that your job,

your home, your very life depend-

ed on your election?

Have you forgotten?

Then ask some of our captains of

industry—or infamy. Mr. Neacy

(if he isn't engaged on another in-

junction or a law suit to replenish

his treasury), or Mr. Niedermeyer

of the Power and Mining Machinery company, at Cedarly, will be glad to enlighten you and—verify it!

Are you so short of memory that

you cannot remember these insults

to your manhood? Or haven't you any?

Read up the slaughter of the home rule bill and other progressive measures and do a little thinking between now and next spring.

Are your brains outside of the shop as well as in it, even if your employer does protest. He doesn't own your brains, at least not yet.

Don't be in such a rush to climb into the band wagon. Times are "good" just now (comparatively) and you will get the usual chance when the next panic comes along.

Stick to the roadside, where you can hear the tramping of feet. Will you do that? Or will you cast your next ballot (if you have time) in the same old slovenly way and then lambast, in the same old slovenly manner, the trusts, the employers and particularly the stupidity of the laboring man?

If you intend to do that, don't worry about the slays or years to come.

Life is but an empty dream anyhow—like your pocket book—and twill soon be o'er. Vox populi, vox Dei!

Aye, verily, "the voice of the people is the voice of God," but you don't know it. So quit your kicking and give us three cheers for Taft, Rosey and the gang.—*The Gadfly*.

the play. Only the plot has been used in the dramatization. The production is magnificent, the scenery, the costumes and the music being conceived by one of the greatest masters of stagecraft in the profession.

### MAJESTIC.

An exceptionally promising vaudeville bill is offered at the Majestic theater for the week beginning Monday afternoon. It is headlined by Fred Lindsay, the Australian bushman, cowboy, hunt-

er and explorer, who will be seen in his wondrous feats with the stock whip for the first time in Milwaukee.

Other numbers on next week's bill will include Mahel Montgomery, Hyman Meyer, and the Basque Grand Opera quartette.

### CRYSTAL.

A big bill of feature acts next week at the Crystal: Beyer & Herman, in a sensational spectacular

novelty, will head the bill, Edward DeCorsia and company, in "Red Ike"; The Zedals, hand balancers; Lew Ward, tramp monologist; Ike Vogel's last week of illustrated songs. An extra number will be the views of the Printers' Home, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**NEW COLUMBIA.**

The 28-Ewing-28 boys band feature next week's bill at the Columbia in one of the most spectacular vaudeville specialties, consisting of zonaves' drills, marches, band concerts and solos by the most competent boys' band in the country.

### NEW STAR.

"Town Talk; the Best Show on the Road," is the title of the newest show touring in burlesque this season. This organization is the sensation of the present season in

the burlesque field, being full of original ideas dealing with historical events from the beginning to the end of the world. A two-act extravaganza in twelve scenes, entitled "From Start to Finish," is the vehicle offered.

### GAYETY.

"Teddy's Trip to the Jungles" and "A Night in the Tenderloin," two musical comedies, will be the offering of Weber & Rush's "Bon Tons," at the Gayety theater, next week. Full of funny situations and introducing a large cast of clever entertainers, the burlesques are continual laugh makers from the rise to the fall of the curtain. A cast of forty people are introduced by the "Bon Tons."

### EMPIRE.

B. H. Rife's Ten Dark Knights feature a 2½ week's bill at the Empire in one of the best specialties of vaudeville. Other acts are:

James Leonard, The Alicans, Oly Lovine, O. B. Millette and a reel

of first-run motion pictures.

**THURSDAY.**

East Side Women's Club, Heilbecker's hall, 327 Sherman street.

Twelfth Ward Branch, Loft's hall, 315 Kinzie street.

Seventeenth Ward Branch, Old Fellows' hall, corner Potter and Kimball streets.

Fourteenth Ward Branch, 792 Forest Avenue.

South Side Young People's Socialist League, 382 Washington street.

**FRIDAY.**

Eleventh Ward Branch, Sietaff's hall, corner Mitchell and Muskego.

**NOTICE!**

Comrade Arthur M. Lewis, of Chicago, Ill., will deliver his first

Lecture under the auspices of the Social Democratic Party of Milwaukee County, Tuesday evening,

November 16, 1909, 8 P. M. at the Freie Gemeinde Hall, 264 Fourth St.

Make no other arrangements for this evening. Admission free.

Bring your friends. Everybody cordially invited. "Subject will be announced later."

Everybody attending the Lecture is kindly requested to be in his seat at 8 P. M.

**SEALER, AND FIRST AND SECOND DEPUTY SEALER OF WEIGHT: AND MEASURES.**

Office of the Board of City Service Commissioners, City Hall, Oct. 16, 1909.

A competitive examination for the positions of sealer and first and second deputy sealers of weight and measures will be held at the City offices on Thursday, Oct. 25, 1909, at 9 o'clock a.m.

General requirements: U. S. citizenship residing in the city of Milwaukee for the last two years next preceding the date of application; age 18 to 35 years; good general education, good health, habits and recommendations.

Special requirements: Familiarity with all kinds of scales, weights and measures, both liquid and dry used in the United States, besides knowledge of the metric system.

Applications in writing to be presented personally up to and including Monday, Oct. 26, 1909, at 10 a.m. at the offices to be named above.

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# What are Recreation Centers? This Tells You

The Milwaukee School Board Has Already Established Three and Has a Fourth in Contemplation. "Open the Schools to the People!"

[From Report of the City of New York, 1908.]

DURING the season of 1907-1908 twenty-two recreation centers were conducted in Manhattan, one in the Bronx and five in Brooklyn. Six evenings each week, from October to May, the doors were open from 7:30 to 10 o'clock, with an average nightly attendance of 9,850.

In its relation to the civic body the center has become only second in importance to the public school. Public decency may demand the closing of all evil resorts which lead our young people downward, but unless substitutes are provided that satisfy the natural craving for pleasure, anarchy will inevitably result.

The city will always be greatly indebted to the brain that first conceived the idea of opening closed school houses and filling them with active clubs. The growth of this movement has been phenomenal. Today about 400 self-governing clubs are rapidly advancing toward the goal of well informed, patriotic citizenship. The path first outlined for this achievement has not been deviated from, but only broadened, with the passing years.

Gymnastic training is still the prerogative of the club member and

commits than from those of Mrs. Humphrey Ward. At the banquet given by the Playground Association of America she said:

"Let me say at once that I am lost in envy and admiration of these evening play centers of yours. I saw a sight the other evening, under the guidance of Miss Evangeline Whitney and Mrs. Edwin Hewitt, which has given me a sense of the vigor of your population, and perhaps, I may say, of the enormous possibilities of the American future, which I shall not soon forget. More, we found a thousand boys and lads gathered in the playground or basement of one of your schools, all of them of foreign origin and all, as it seemed to me, already passionately American — conducting a dozen clubs in separate class rooms — playing football, basketball, besides all kind of quiet games, and debating all kinds of questions, literary, social and political, under the rule of discussion which the Anglo-Saxon races have made for themselves."

"In another we found a thousand girls, divided in the same way between active physical exercise and club meetings (by the way, while one of the boys' clubs was debating Mr. Bryce's Commonwealth, the girls were discussing Silas Marner); and, in the third, perhaps most remarkable of all, five hundred girls were gathered, debating whether you should retain the Philippine Islands, with vigor, a fluency, a command of patriotic language and feeling which struck me with amazement. Here were girls, some of whom who could only have arrived in your country a year or two ago, and all of them the children of aliens, appealing to your Anglo-Saxon forefathers, and talking of your revolutionary war and the Monroe doctrine, of liberty and self-government, with intensity of personal appropriation such as no mere school teaching could have produced.

"It seems to me, then, that in your evening use of our great schools for your growing lads and girls, you have solved a problem at which we in England are still painfully fumbling."

## Report of the City of Boston

Within a year past there have been made three interesting experiments, which show some of the ways in which school houses may be used for the pleasure and profit of the people of the neighborhood.

Educational centers, as they have been called, were started in Roxbury April 14, 1902.

Classes have been formed in cookery, sewing, dressmaking, millinery, embroidery, basket making, wood working, singing and gymnastics; and these have been attended by adults chiefly, and by youths beyond the school age. These classes have nearly all been successful, the enthusiasm being well sustained to the end. The ordinary

school subjects, which are taught in the elementary evening schools, were not given much attention at the educational centers. In South Boston and in Roxbury there was little need of this, because there were evening schools already open in the immediate neighborhood, which were doing good work that ought not to be disturbed. At the Hancock we find, however, more of the academic work added to the industrial teaching. There was a Shakespeare class, composed of girls graduated from the Hancock schools; also a class of beginners in French, a class in civil government, and a class in bookkeeping were carried on.

Besides the industrial and the academic features in the work of the educational centers there were others of a more social kind. The singing classes, open to men as well as to women, were of this kind. Then there were concerts, lectures, dancing, and quiet games provided for the entertainment of all the classes. The older boys and girls in the day schools were invited to come to the school house to study their "home lessons." They came in considerable numbers, and after studying their lessons for an hour, spent another hour playing dominoes, checkers, and other quiet games.

Such, in brief, are the suggestions of a single year's experimentation with educational centers. They show that the social life of a neighborhood can be reached by the school in many ways not heretofore undertaken by the teachers or by the school authorities; and they may serve to establish a belief that the public good will be furthered by making each school so far as possible a social center for its vicinity. Here is a work which, in my belief, should be taken up by every school principal and staff of assistant teachers in the city. There are, doubtless, many of those quite able to take the initiative, if only suitable encouragement be given. Indeed, it would be enough in some instances to remove the discouraging restrictions, which have hitherto existed; as, for example, the rule which makes it impossible to get up a subscription entertainment for the benefit of the school, if the pupils are to take any part in the effort to raise the necessary money.

In an address recently made by me to the masters of the Boston schools, the following was said: We shall do well, I think, to consider seriously the significance of the recent movement represented by the so-called educational center. There are those who appear to think it a passing fad. But it will hardly be wise thus lightly to dismiss the matter. The educational center doubtless has been called into existence by causes that we may recognize among the social conditions that prevail in most of the neighborhoods in the city.

Now that the "men of the sea" who have twined their legs in a strangle hold round the neck of the Auditorium ask a thousand dollars a night rental for the "people's building" it is up to the Hippodrome people to enlarge that building and to give the Auditorium "owners" a good, stiff taste of competition.

The newspapers have it that Ald. Arnold was "called off" in the fight on the expense bill of that Montreal junket. The best answer to this foolishness, as well to the imbecile gibberish of the public nuisance and city contractor, Bayliss, is the fact that the Social-Democratic aldermen, Ald. Arnold included, voted practically solidly against the bill.

The *Sentinel* says the next time we send aldermen to Montreal a chaperon should go, too. However, in the recent case it appears that there was a chaperon along, but that he was the chap that most needed watching.

Secretary Cargill of the health department is for public comfort stations. So is every other reputable citizen who has any civic decency about him. Let the matter be agitated, and we cordially welcome Mr. Cargill to the much maligned ranks of the agitators.

Chief Clancy now has his new pleasure touring car "to go to fires in," and the old one will be turned over to one of his assistants. We venture the suspicion that the new car will be more in use for family rides than for actual department work. And the city foots the bills.

The purchase of that beautiful Kern tract on the upper river by the city seems to be just the wise thing to do. Milwaukee cannot get too much park property along that beautiful stream, and the people will bless their lucky stars many times over if it becomes their property.

Ald. Biersach should be placed under guardianship as well as Ald. Abert. At the last meeting of the common council, despite the fact that there were ladies in the gallery, he made a speech in which he uttered a certain filth and immoral remark, to the disgust of all who heard him thus lower the dig-

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is exaggerated as to the employment of brutality—and certainly some of the police officials we have known are incapable of anything but angelic conduct—it yet does a public service, just as other literary exaggerations have done, in arousing a public opinion that will tend to abate the real abuse.

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Complaint comes to us of the Children's Free Hospital, and as near as we can size up the trouble it seems to center round the fact that the institution cannot afford to employ sufficient nurses. This, however, is a criticism that several other hospitals deserve also. But a hospital ought to be right or go out of business. Neglect of suffering children or sufferers of any age is not a pleasant thing to think about.

We note that the dean of the Marquette university school of dentistry speaks of "school children, who are the wards of the state from an educational standpoint." This is a flat contradiction of the standpoint of hostility to the public schools enunciated by Bishop Keane here in Milwaukee a few weeks ago. This thing of first blowing hot and then cold might be expected to raise some foreboding doubts in the minds of the people who hold their public school system as their dearest public possession.

Talk of the advantages of trade unionism, here is a case in point. Men are employed by the Northwestern railroad loading beer kegs

chief Janssen's defense of the "third degree," or rather the denial of its existence is not very convincing. The Klein play, now at the Davidson, may be an exaggeration, yet the evidences are not lacking to show that this method of badgering persons suspected of crime into "confessions" really is employed by the police in different cities, and a notable instance that comes to mind is that of the young Chinaman in New York, who was believed to be an accomplice of the murderer of Elsie Sigel. One has only to read any of old Allan Pinkerton's books—and Pinkerton seems to have been rather the father of this sort of "third degree" work—to get a pretty clear line on the whole business. Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, and for years an attorney, devotes considerable space to the "third degree" in his book, "The Turn of the Balance," as he does also to the tortures undoubtedly employed in our "reformatory" state prisons—the "water cure," etc., etc. Whitlock has made a study of the whole subject and his word is probably every bit as good as that of an interested witness, such as Milwaukee's chief of police. If the Klein play